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THE CURRICULUM VITAE OF MG HAROLD A. KISSINGER, PROVIDED
WITH THE REF, WAS OF NECESSITY LIMITED IN DETAIL.

QUOTED BELOW IS AN EXPANSION OF IT. YOU SHOULD USE AND
DISTRIBUTE THIS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE.
BEGIN QUOTE:

1. MG HAROLD A. KISSINGER, US ARMY, HAS SERVED AS THE
DIRECTOR OF THE JOINT TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE
(TRI-TAC) SINCE APRIL 1972. IN THIS CAPACITY, GENERAL
KISSINGER IS RESPONSIBLE TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR
THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM
FOR ACQUISITION BY ALL US MILITARY SERVICES. AS THE
DIRECTOR OF THIS REVOLUTIONARY US MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS
PROGRAM, GENERAL KISSINGER IS THE ARCHITECT FOR DEVELOP-
MENT OF A FAMILY OF EQUIPMENTS WHICH WILL COMPRISE THE
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FIRST ALL-DIGITAL TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM TO SERVE
ALL US FORCES IN THE FIELD. THE PROGRAM INCLUDES
TRUNKING; COMPUTER DRIVEN ACCESS AND SWITCHING EQUIPMENT
FOR MOBILE AND TRANSPORTABLE TACTICAL MULTI-CHANNEL

SYSTEMS; SYSTEMS CONTROL AND TECHNICAL CONTROL FACILITIES; LOCAL DISTRIBUTION EQUIPMENT; VOICE, TELETYPE DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY EQUIPMENT. THE PROGRAM ALSO PROVIDES FOR INTERFACE DEVICES TO CONNECT THE TRI-TAC SYSTEM TO THE US DEFENSE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS AND TO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS OF ALLIED GOVERNMENTS. GENERAL KISSINGER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TECHNICAL AND ENGINEERING DIRECTION OF THE PLANS, DESIGNS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRI-TAC SYSTEM. HE IS ALSO CHARGED WITH COORDINATING THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF ALL PROGRAM MATTERS AS MAY ARISE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND NATO AND OTHER ALLIED GOVERNMENTS. IN THIS CONNECTION HE IS IN CONTINUOUS CONTACT WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA AND AUSTRALIA THROUGH THEIR LOCAL LIAISON OFFICES. HIS EXPERIENCE AND SUCCESS IN THIS PROGRAM TO MODERNIZE US MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENTS AND THE OBVIOUS PARALLEL OF THE TRI-TAC AIMS WITH THOSE OF NICSMA MAKE HIM PARTICULARLY WELL SUITED FOR THE PROPOSED APPOINTMENT.

2. GENERAL KISSINGER IS A PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATOR WHO HAS ACCUMULATED OVER 29 YEARS OF IN-DEPTH EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE IN HIS DISCIPLINE. HE HAS RECEIVED BOTH A BACCALAUREATE AND A MASTER OF BUSINESS DEGREE IN INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN AND HAS GAINED OUTSTANDING MANAGERIAL AND EXECUTIVE EXPERIENCE IN MANY KEY UNITED STATES MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS COMMANDS AND AGENCIES PRIOR TO HIS PRESENT ASSIGNMENT. HE HAS GRADUATED FROM VARIOUS MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS SCHOOLS AS WELL AS THE INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE OF THE ARMED FORCES AND THE US ARMY COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE. HIS EARLY COMMUNICATIONS ASSIGNMENTS INCLUDED DUTY WITH JOINT AND ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS. DURING WORLD WAR II, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE 71ST JOINT ASSAULT SIGNAL COMPANY WHICH WAS A TRI-SERVICE ORGANIZATION ATTACHED TO THE 81ST INFANTRY DIVISION. DURING THIS PERIOD, GENERAL KISSINGER SERVED CONSECUTIVELY AS A BATTALION AND REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER. LATER IN UNCLASSIFIED

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HIS CAREER HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AS A MILITARY ADVISOR AND LATER AS CHIEF OF THE COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS DIVISION, US ARMY FORCES, TAIWAN.

3. SUMMARIES OF THE FOLLOWING ASSIGNMENTS ARE INCLUDED BECAUSE OF THEIR PARTICULAR RELEVANCE TO HIS PROPOSED APPOINTMENT AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR NICSMA.

A. HE COMMANDED THE 304TH SIGNAL BATTALION, 8TH US ARMY IN KOREA IN 1964/65 AND, FOLLOWING A TOUR WITH THE

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, HE COMMANDED THE 22ND SIGNAL GROUP,

US ARMY STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS COMMAND IN EUROPE. THIS GROUP CONSISTED OF THREE LONG-HAUL SIGNAL BATTALIONS WHICH OPERATED EXTENSIVE BROAD BAND RADIO SYSTEMS AND SINGLE SIDE BAND RADIO STATIONS IN THE US-EUROPEAN COMMAND AND CONTROL NET. THE GROUP ALSO INCLUDED THE PIRMASENS COMMUNICATIONS ORGANIZATION (A BATTALION SIZED UNIT) WHICH OPERATED A MAJOR HIGH FREQUENCY RADIO INSTALLATION, ARMY TELETYPE RELAY, SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS TERMINALS, AND AUTODIN SWITCHES. IN THIS POSITION HE COMMANDED OVER 2500 MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL DISPERSED OVER A GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OF SOME 216,000 SQUARE MILES IN WEST GERMANY, BELGIUM, THE NETHERLANDS, AND ENGLAND. FOLLOWING THIS ASSIGNMENT, GENERAL KISSINGER WAS ASSIGNED AS THE DEPUTY COMMANDING GENERAL, US ARMY ELECTRONICS COMMAND, FORT MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY. IN THIS CAPACITY, HE WAS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL FOR THE EXERCISE OF INTEGRATED COMMODITY MANAGEMENT FOR COMMUNICATION -ELECTRONICS EQUIPMENTS AND SYSTEMS INCLUDING ELECTRONICS WARFARE, AVIONICS, COMBAT SURVEILLANCE, TARGET ACQUISITION, NIGHT VISION, IFF, COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS INTELLIGENCE, AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING, RADAR, METEOROLOGICAL AND RADIOLOGICAL DETECTION AND ASSOCIATED TEST EQUIPMENT, POWER SOURCES AND ELECTRONICS DEVICES AND MATERIALS. THIS RESPONSIBILITY ENCOMPASSED DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND THE ENTIRE LIFE CYCLE MANAGEMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENTS UTILIZED WORLDWIDE. HE PARTICIPATED AS A CO-UNCLASSIFIED

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EQUAL WITH THE COMMANDING GENERAL IN ESTABLISHING POLICY AND PROCEDURES AND EXERCISING OPERATIONAL CONTROL OVER APPROXIMATELY 12,500 MILITARY PERSONNEL.

B. IN ADDITION TO HIS RECENT COMMUNICATIONS ASSIGNMENTS, GENERAL KISSINGER HAS SERVED AS THE ASSISTANT FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS AND AS THE COMMANDING GENERAL, US ARMY SUPPORT COMMANDS, CAM RAHN BAY AND QUI NOHN, US ARMY PACIFIC, VIETNAM- IN THE FORMER POSITION, GENERAL KISSINGER WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEFENSE ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS PERTAINING TO AFRICA. IN THIS POSITION HE PARTICIPATED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS, COORDINATED POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POLICIES WITH MILITARY POLICIES, PARTICIPATED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF POLICIES PERTAINING TO THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THAT PROGRAM AND RECOMMENDING APPROPRIATE ACTIONS. HE WAS FREQUENTLY CALLED UPON TO REPRESENT AND ACT FOR THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE IN POLICY DISCUSSIONS WITH HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF DEFENSE AND STATE

AND WITH THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF. AS THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE US ARMY SUPPORT COMMANDS IN VIETNAM, HE GAINED INVALUABLE LOGISTICS EXPERIENCE IN PROVIDING SUPPLY SUPPORT TO US AND FREE WORLD MILITARY ASSISTANCE FORCES IN THE SECOND MILITARY REGION OF VIETNAM.

4. GENERAL KISSINGER IS LISTED IN THE AMERICAN WHO'S WHO AND HIS DECORATIONS INCLUDE THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL (AWARDED FOR WARTIME DUTY OF GREAT RESPONSIBILITY), THE LEGION OF MERIT WITH THREE OAK LEAF CLUSTERS AND THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL WITH TWO OAK LEAF CLUSTERS.

HE HAS ALSO BEEN AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER, FIRST CLASS, BY THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT, AND THE MILITARY ORDER OF MERIT BY THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS SERVICE. END QUOTE.

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